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MEDICAID FORECAST FOR FY 2007 AND FY 2008

Medicaid Forecast

Staff members from the Department of Management, the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) met on July 27 to discuss estimated Medical Assistance (Medicaid) expenditures for FY 2007 and FY 2008. The three staffs meet monthly to discuss estimated expenditures and to agree on a range for expenditures for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

FY 2007

The total appropriation for FY 2007 is \$771.2 million. This includes an appropriation of \$759.2 million from HF 2734 (FY 2007 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) and a \$12.0 million supplemental appropriation from HF 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act). For FY 2007, the three staffs agreed to a range of a surplus of \$2.0 to \$6.0 million, with a midpoint of a \$4.0 million surplus. The increased expenditures over FY 2006 include the following costs and assumptions:

- \$1.3 million to fund an estimated 0.2% in enrollment growth.
- \$5.1 million to fund an estimated 0.7% increase for medical inflation.
- \$4.8 million to annualize the increased cost of Medicare buy-in due to increased Medicare premiums.
- \$12.2 million to fund additional costs due to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), decreasing from 63.61% to 61.98%.
- \$12.7 million to fund a 3.0% provider rate increase.
- \$1.4 million to fund an increase in the personal needs allowance from \$30 to \$50 per month for residents of nursing facilities.
- \$1.0 million to fund Medicaid for children aging out of the foster care system up to age 21.
- \$250,000 to fund a matching grant for the lowa Health Care Collaborative.
- \$15.7 million in various savings related to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver, and the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.
- \$3.9 million to increase nursing facility rates to the FY 2007 cap.
- \$3.3 million to fund increased costs associated with the change from the Adult Rehabilitation Option (ARO) and Rehabilitative Treatment Services (RTS) to the Remedial Services Program (RSP) and the new Habilitation Services Program.

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House File 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) includes total State funding of \$833.9 million. For FY 2008, the three staffs agreed to an estimated supplemental need of \$13.0 million to a surplus of \$6.0 million, with a midpoint of \$3.5 million supplemental need over the original appropriation. This includes the following costs and assumptions:

- \$12.0 million to adjust FY 2008 for the FY 2007 supplemental need.
- \$9.3 million to increase parental income disregard from 50% to 58%.
- \$2.2 million to reduce the Home and Community-Based Waiver waiting list for the Children's Mental Health Waiver.
- \$132,000 for the medical income trust.
- \$1.1 million to fund the new Money Follows the Person Program.
- \$250,000 for the Iowa Health Collaborative.
- \$14.0 million for a 1.6% enrollment increase.
- \$7.7 million for 1.0% medical inflation.
- \$11.4 million to fund additional costs due to the FMAP decreasing from 61.98% to a projected 61.79%.
- \$10.6 million to complete the transition to the RSP.
- \$500,000 to replace funds carried forward for Field Operations in FY 2007.
- \$860,000 to fund increased enrollment in the Medicaid for Independent Young Adults (MIYA) Program.
- \$4.4 million to expand enrollment for Medicaid-eligible children.
- \$1.0 million to fund the new Habilitation Services Program.
- \$10.4 million to rebase nursing facilities.
- \$6.8 million for increased Medicaid buy-in premiums.
- \$6.0 million in savings related to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.
- \$650,000 for federally-required Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) audits.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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AUGUST COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

Council Meeting

The Council on Human Services met on August 8.

Administrative Rules

The Council approved several Administrative Rules for adoption relating to Medicaid prescription benefits, inpatient psychiatric reimbursement rates, and reimbursement rates for community mental health centers. For more



information on these Rules, access the web site at: http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Current/Interim/arc.htm.

Noticed Rules

The Council reviewed several Rules for action at a future meeting relating to extending the time for filing Medicaid claims, and changes to eligibility and premium policies for the lowaCare Program.

Council Concerns

The Council requested that the Mental Health Division Director attend a future meeting to discuss the workgroups studying changes for the mental health system. Concern was also expressed regarding the federal \$25 annual child support assistance processing fee.

Director's Report

Deputy Director Sally Titus provided the following information:

- The FY 2009 proposed budget will be mailed on approximately August 31.
- A review of the proposed federal changes to the State Children's Health Insurance Program (Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa [hawk-i] Program).
- The Council Bluffs area does not yet have a safety and child welfare contract.
- An update on the Child Support Call Center in Marshalltown, which was experiencing performance challenges.
- An update on the Child Care Legislative Interim Study Committee.
- The initial firm's contract for the geothermal project at the Toledo Juvenile Home had been terminated and another firm has been hired.
- The Food Assistance application process is now accessible on the Internet and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid Program applications will be accessible within the year.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11-12, which will include adoption of the FY 2009 budget request. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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SENIOR LIVING COORDINATING UNIT MEETING

SLCU Meeting

The Senior Living Coordinating Unit (SLCU) met on July 31. Bob Welsh was elected to serve as Vice President.

SLTF Update

Lisa Burk, Legislative Services Agency, provided an update on the Senior Living Trust Fund (SLTF). It is currently estimated that the Fund will have a balance of \$58.0 million at the end of FY 2008.

Client Services

Dick Harmon, Department of Elder Affairs, provided reports on client services, as well as unmet service needs.

Well Elderly Program

Julie McMahon, Department of Public Health, provided an update on the Department's Well Elderly Program, which is focused on healthy aging and continuous quality of life.

Long-Range Plan

Director John McCalley, Department of Elder Affairs, reported that an inventory of State programs, grant projects, and other activities that address the main objectives in the Long-Range Plan for Long-Term Care is needed. The Department will distribute a chart to other departments to be used as a mechanism to communicate what is already underway in the State.

Grant Updates

Joel Wulf and Greg Anliker, Department of Elder Affairs, reported on various new grants the Department has either applied for or received.

Legislator Updates

UPDATE

Representative Kressig reported that constituents are expressing concern regarding the investments put into long-term care insurance and making sure coverage will be provided.

Consumer Choices

Senator Ragan requested an update on the progress of the single point of entry system.

Eileen Creager, Department of Human Services (DHS), reported that statewide implementation of the Consumer Choices Option began on July 1.

Of the 158 enrolled, 20 were Medicaid Elderly Waiver clients.

Sub. Decision Maker The Department of Elder Affairs received a new appropriation of \$250,000

and 1.0 FTE position for FY 2008 for a State Office of Substitute Decision Maker and two local offices. The position is expected to post in early August.

More Information The next meeting is scheduled for September 21. Additional information is

available from the LSA upon request.

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LEGISLATIVE HOME-BASED CHILD CARE STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Study Committee The Legislative Home-Based Child Care Study Committee met on July 31.

The Committee is authorized to meet twice during the Interim to consider options for increasing the number of home-based child care providers subject

to registration.

Other States Steffanie Clothier and Caroline Smith, National Conference of State

Legislatures, provided information via teleconference on recommendations from the National Child Care Information Center and other sources on how

states address home-based child care systems.

State Program Jeff Anderson, Ann Wiebers, Jim Krogman, and Mark Adams, Department of

Human Services (DHS), provided an overview of the State Child Care Assistance Program and the Department's responsibilities relating to child

care regulation and quality.

Community Empowerment Shanell Wagler, State Empowerment Facilitator; Diane Foss and Amanda

McCandless, Harrison, Monona, and Shelby Counties; and Chris Kivett-Berry, Linn County; provided views on the child care system and long-range

plans.

Resource & Referral Cathy Wheatcraft, Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Iowa; and

MariLynn Pierce, Child Care Resource and Referral of Northeast Iowa;

provided information on the role of these agencies.

Early Childhood Sheila Hansen and Tiffany Smith, Child and Family Policy Center, provided

information on the importance of early childhood programs.

Income & Needs Kristi Lohmeier, Iowa Policy Project, presented a report on bridging the gap

between income and needs in child care.

More Information The next meeting is scheduled for October 10 from 5-9 PM. Additional

information is available from the LSA upon request.

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IOWA VETERANS HOME MASTER PLAN

Master Plan

The Iowa Veterans Home Master Plan was presented at a Facility Assessment and Master Planning meeting on August 8. The Plan includes changing the structure from a shared dormitory-type setting to community-style housing. Highlights include:

- Construction of a new 132-bed nursing facility, a 60-bed Pavilion, and additional parking at an estimated cost of \$43.4 million.
- Renovation of Scheeler Hall, demolition of the Loftus Building, relocation of drives, and reconfiguration of parking areas at an estimated cost of \$17.2 million.
- Renovation of the Dack Building and construction of a new 60-bed Pavilion at an estimated cost of \$14.6 million.
- Demolition of Heinz Hall and construction of a new 60-bed Pavilion III at an estimated cost of \$24.7 million.
- An analysis of future demand and an assessment of resident space needs. The Plan includes a reduction of beds from 750 to 652 by the year 2021 and an increase of space per resident from 744 to 1,017 square feet.

Estimated Cost

The total cost is estimated at \$100.0 million over a 13-year period from FY 2009 to FY 2021. Federal reimbursement in future years of 60.0% may occur. The Plan is expected to be finalized this fall and will be presented to the General Assembly during the 2008 Legislative Session.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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HONEY CREEK PREMIER DESTINATION PARK AUTHORITY MEETING

Meeting

The Honey Creek Premier Destination Park Authority met on August 1 and reviewed the status of Park construction and funding availability.



Project Update

Construction of the lodge (including an aquatic park and convention center) and the golf course is currently in progress. The Department projects the lodge and golf course to be completed and open in summer 2008.

Cabins

A key component of the Destination Park is the construction of cabins that will be rented to park visitors. The projected revenue from the cabin rentals is necessary in order for the Park to maintain a positive operational cash flow. The original plan was to have the cabins open for business in summer 2008; however, the Natural Resources Commission rejected all bids for the cabin construction due to the bids being over budget. As a result, the DNR revised the cash flow projections for the Park to reflect the cabin construction being completed in June of 2009. The current estimate to construct the cabins is \$5.3 million.

Project Funding



The total cost of Phases I and II of the project is estimated at \$53.5 million. Phase I is estimated at \$46.0 million and Phase II at \$7.5 million. The available funding for the project currently totals \$40.7 million, resulting in a \$5.3 million shortfall for completing Phase I. The Department discussed several options with the Authority for funding the shortfall. These include:

- Apply for a Vision Iowa Grant.
- Request an appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund or the General Fund for FY 2009.
- Explore options for additional bonding.

Bond Issuance

In October 2006, the Honey Creek Premier Destination Park Authority issued \$33.6 million in bonds to provide partial funding for the Destination Park development. After the cost of issuance and reserve fund requirements are met, the issuance resulted in \$28.0 million in project funding. The first debt service payment of approximately \$700,000 will be due on June 1, 2009.

Additional Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting

The Sustainable Natural Resource Funding Advisory Committee met on July 30 in Des Moines.

The Committee was informed of the Interim Study Committee that was

Interim Study



appointed by the Legislative Council. The Study Committee will meet on August 13 and some of the members from the Advisory Committee will be in attendance. Rich Leopold, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), will make a presentation to the Study Committee that summarizes the findings of the Advisory Committee.

Conservation Analysis

The Committee agreed to request \$25,000 for an analysis of existing State data for the benefits of conservation practices taking place.

Alternative Funding

The Committee also discussed alternative funding mechanisms that could be used for sustainable natural resources, including property tax credits; an

overview of what other states are doing to protect natural resources; and an investigation of the availability of federal funds for preservation of natural resources.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22. For more information, access the web site at: http://www.iowadnr.com/sustainablefunding/index.html. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

House File 877

House File 877 (Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Olds Act) was enacted on May 10. The Department of Education adopted emergency Administrative Rules and requested applications for preschool programs to begin this fall.

Program Funding



The statewide voluntary program is available to children who are four-years-old by September 15 and provides a minimum of ten hours of instruction per week by a licensed teacher. The first year of a program is funded by direct appropriation (\$15.0 million per year for FY 2008 through FY 2010 and \$16.2 million for FY 2011). The second and subsequent years of the program is funded with "Preschool Foundation Aid", which is the previous year's enrollment multiplied by 60.0% of the State cost per pupil. While these funds flow through the school districts, the funds are not co-mingled with regular K-12 Foundation funding.

Applicant Awards

On July 17, the Governor announced the selection of 52 school districts from 146 applicants. The awards totaled \$13.8 million and will serve an estimated 4,300 preschoolers. The Department of Education held some funding in reserve because of possible underestimation of initial enrollments. The appropriation will also fund three Department staff for program administration and oversight.

Recipient Programs

The 52 recipient programs range in size from six preschool students in the Gilmore City-Bradgate School District (\$19,000 award) to 1,065 preschool students in the Des Moines School District (\$3.4 million award). The average preschool program is estimated to have 83 students and receive a \$265,000 award.

Other Applicants

The 94 applicants that did not receive funding ranged in size from four preschoolers in the Sentral Community School District (\$13,000 request) to 700 preschool students in the Dubuque Community School District (\$2.2 million request). The rejected preschool programs would have served an average of 48 students at an average annual cost of \$152,000. In total, these districts would have served 4,465 preschool students at a cost of \$14.3 million.

Dept. of Ed. Information

The Department of Education has a number of documents and aids for the preschool program available on the web site at: http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1103/. The four documents with frequently asked questions (FAQs) found under the "Guiding Practices" section is informative.

More Information

For a complete list of the program applicants, contact the LSA.

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IOWA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

Board Meeting

The Board of Corrections meeting was held at the Lied Public Library in Clarinda on August 3.

FY 2009 Budget

The Department of Corrections plans to submit a status quo budget for FY 2009. The Department will be requesting capital budget requests for four Community-Based Corrections Facilities, Mitchellville, and Fort Madison.

Federal Detainees

Fort Dodge will no longer be housing federal detainees. The federal Marshal's Office removed the remaining seven detainees this past week, which frees up beds in Fort Dodge for lowa inmates.

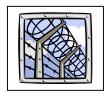
Prevention Program

Clarinda's Moderate Intensity Family Violence Prevention Program was recognized at the meeting.

Offender E-mail

Information was discussed about establishing an offender e-mail system similar to the system the federal government has in place. Pilot projects are being considered for Rockwell City and Mitchellville.

New Facility



The Community-Based Correction's Facility in the 7th Judicial District has been working on building a new facility for the past four years. The original Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) appropriation expires in ten months. At that time, approximately \$6.3 million of the \$10.0 million appropriated will revert back to the RIIF. The current location being considered by the 7th would include a Palmer Chiropractic adjustment room as part of negotiations on the location site.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for September 7 at the Newton Correctional Facility. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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HOMELAND SECURITY INTEROPERABILITY GRANTS

Interoperability Grants The federal Deficit Redu



The federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 directed the Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security to establish and implement a one-time \$1.0 billion grant program for public safety agencies to improve interoperable communications systems. Improving interoperable communications allows many public safety and emergency management systems to communicate on the same system during an emergency. The project period begins October 7, 2007, and all funds must be expended by September 30, 2010.

Public safety agencies receiving the Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) grant are required to meet and document a 20.0% match for each project. Applications for PSIC are due August 22, 2007. Statewide plans, investment justifications, and memorandums of understanding are due November 1, 2007. States must pass 80.0% of their awards to local governments. Up to 20.0% of the total grant can be used for

State administration, with no more than 5.0% of the total used for developing a statewide plan.

lowa's Award

lowa's award is \$10.9 million, of which \$547,000 is available for the statewide plan, \$2.2 million is available for the State share, and \$8.7 million is available for the local share.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2007 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

HSGP



The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) consists of five grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, Citizen Corps, Metropolitan Medical Response System, and the Urban Areas Security Initiative. Overall funding for the HSGP was \$1.7 billion, which was less than a 1.0% decrease from FY 2006.

SHSGP

The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) helps states prepare for and mitigate the effects of a terrorist attack. Beginning in FY 2006, states received the same base amount and the remaining money was distributed based on risk rather than population. In FY 2006, lowa received \$7.5 million. lowa will receive \$3.8 million for FY 2007, which is a decrease of 48.9%.

LETPP

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) is disbursed based on the same formula as SHSGP. The Program provides funds to law enforcement and public safety organizations to support terrorism-prevention activities. In FY 2006, Iowa received \$5.5 million. Iowa will receive \$2.8 million for FY 2007, which is a decrease of 49.7%.

Citizen Corps



The Citizen Corps Program also follows the same distribution formula as SHSGP; however, unlike the LETPP, the new risk-based formula used for FY 2006 does not apply to the Citizen Corps grants. The Program brings community and government leaders together to coordinate community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. In FY 2007, these grants were decreased by 24.2% from FY 2006. All State grants were decreased by the same amount. Iowa received \$258,000 in FY 2006 and will receive \$195,000 in FY 2007.

UASI

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program focuses on the planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas. The Program assists cities in building sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, response, and recover from acts of terrorism. Iowa does not receive any funding from this Program.

MMRS

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Program supports local preparedness efforts to respond to all mass casualty incidents, including terrorism, epidemic disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and large-scale hazardous materials incidents. Grants are awarded on a formula to 124 local jurisdictions designated by the Department of Homeland Security. In FY

2006, lowa received \$228,000 and will receive \$258,000 in FY 2007, which is an increase of 13.2%.

Per Capita Funding

Per capita FY 2007 calculations show a national average of \$5.60 per person. Iowa's FY 2007 per capita figure is \$2.36, which ranks lowa 51st. (This includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.) In FY 2006, Iowa had a per capita figure of \$4.52, which ranked Iowa 32nd.

For FY 2008, the President has proposed \$1.07 billion for these Programs,

FY 2008

with the largest cuts to SHSGP and LETPP. The President proposed to eliminate MMRS. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bills passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House in June. Both bills provide \$1.8 billion for the HSGP and restore funding to MMRS and increased funding to the remaining grants.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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E-85 STATE PATROL CARS

New Patrol Cars



The lowa State Patrol received the first ten E-85 ethanol fueled patrol vehicles. An additional 119 will be delivered during 2008. The new cars burn E-85 ethanol, which is a mixture of 85.0% ethanol and 15.0% gasoline. If the vehicle is not within reach of the 70 lowa service stations that offer E-85, the vehicles can burn regular unleaded gasoline.

Depreciation Account

The State Patrol purchases approximately 100 new vehicles every year through the State Vehicle Depreciation Account. In addition, the State Patrol operating budget contains \$849,700 in General Funds for the purchase of approximately 39 additional cars per year. The additional funding was appropriated so approximately 33.0% of the fleet can be replaced annually.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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AUDIT REPORT - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Audit Report

The State Auditor issued the FY 2006 Audit Report for the Department of Education on June 29.

Federal Funds

The Report found problems relating to timely submission of reports, evidence of departmental review, administrative reviews of sponsoring organizations, eligibility requirements and reporting, and subrecipient monitoring for a variety of federal grant programs administered by the Department. The Department responded to the findings with corrective action plans, and the Auditor accepted all of the Department's responses.

Internal Control

The Audit Report identified the following problems related to internal control:



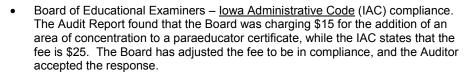
- State Law Library Segregation of duties. The Library has established new procedures to address the concerns, and the Auditor has accepted the response.
- State Library and State Law Library Reconciliation of accounts receivable. The State Library disagreed with the finding that billings, collections, and delinquent

accounts were not reconciled throughout the year and listings of delinquent accounts were not retained. The Library has provided a description of the reconciliation procedures being used and has agreed to establish an electronic version of the existing manual listing of delinquent accounts. The Auditor acknowledged the response and stated that both libraries should ensure prior month-end balances, plus current billings, less payments received and authorized write-offs reconcile to the outstanding balances at the end of the month.

- Department of Education Contractual agreements. The Department acknowledged the Auditor's finding that, out of 30 contracts tested, 20 had not been approved prior to the date of execution, one had no pre-contract questionnaire, and one lacked a sole-source justification. The Department's response indicated that efforts will continue to address specific areas of noncompliance with appropriate staff. The Auditor accepted the response.
- Board of Educational Examiners Reconciliation of receipts. The Board responded that the Executive Director will establish procedures to reconcile the amounts collected through the issuance of licenses to the cash receipts processed monthly by the Department of Education. The Auditor accepted the response.

Statutory Requirements

The Audit Report identified the following problems related to statutory requirements:



- Board of Educational Examiners IAC compliance. The Audit Report found that
 the Board was charging \$40 for a non-renewable, one-year extension of a
 coaching authorization. The IAC states that the fee is \$25. The Board
 responded that it plans to promulgate amendments to the IAC to reflect the \$40
 fee. The Auditor accepted the response.
- Department of Education <u>Code of Iowa</u> compliance. The Audit Report found that the Department was not in compliance with Chapter 256.23, <u>Code of Iowa</u>, which requires the establishment of a grant program to encourage the advancement of women and minorities to school administrative positions. The Department responded that it is unable to comply because no State funding has been provided for the program. The Auditor acknowledged the response and recommended that the Department take steps to seek funding or remove the requirement from statute.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request. A copy of the Audit Report is available on the State Auditor's web site at: http://auditor,iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm.

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Appointment



More Information

Governor Culver appointed Roya Stanley as the Director of the Office of Energy Independence. Her responsibilities will include helping establish the State's renewable energy policy and assisting the Iowa Renewable Energy Board. The Board will oversee the four-year \$100.0 million Iowa Power Fund. The Iowa Power Fund was created in HF 918 (Iowa Power Fund Act) and the appropriations were made in HF 927 (Iowa Power Fund Appropriations Act).

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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This document can be found on the LSA web site: http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Fiscal/fiscupdt/